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Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" At what state are they now? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—" The Government have decided not to adopt them."

Revenue Establishments

Age-limit for the appointments of Sub-Magistrates and Tahsildars.

* 1049 Q.—Mr. P. SIVA RAO : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any minimum age-limit fixed for the appointments of Sub-Magistrates and Tahsildars in the public service ;

(b) if so, what is the age-limit ; and

(c) why the Government considered it necessary to impose such a restriction ?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) There is no maximum or minimum age-limit prescribed for appointment to such posts by promotion.

Secretariat

Appointment of Under Secretary to Government.

* 1050 Q.—Khan Bahadur S. K. ABDUL RAZACK SAHIB Bahadur : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the posts of Under Secretary to Government are reserved to members of the Indian Civil Service ; and

(b) whether the Government have under consideration the appointment of a Muslim Indian Civil Service as Under Secretary ?

A.—(a) The posts of Under Secretary to Government are included in the cadre of the Indian Civil Service.

(b) No.

Special Test Examinations

Holding of the village officers' examination twice a year.

* 1051 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) from what date the Special Test Examinations have been held twice a year ; and

(b) whether the village officers' examinations also are held twice a year ; and, if not, why not ?

A.—(a) From the year 1923.

(b) No. Yearly examinations have been found to be sufficient.

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" Is it not a fact that every year a number of people are kept out of appointment, because they do not qualify themselves in time ? Would not such cases become less and less if there are two examinations every year ? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—" It is very probable ; but I doubt whether holding the examination itself held twice a year instead of once a year would diminish the number of such persons."

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Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" The defeated candidate will have an additional chance to qualify himself within six months instead of having to wait for a year."

Education

Action taken on the annual report of the Lady Willingdon Training College.

*1052 Q.—Dr. (Mrs.) S. MUTHULAKSHMI REDDI : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether, with reference to the annual report of the Lady Willingdon Training College for Women for 1928–29, he is taking any urgent steps to remedy the very unsatisfactory state of things in the college in respect of accommodation (i) in the college, (ii) in the junior school, Tholasinga Perumal Koil Street, Triplicane, and (iii) in the hostels ; and

(b) whether he proposes to sanction the grant for medical inspection to the training students as asked by the Principal in the report ?

A.—(a) The matter is engaging the attention of Government.

(b) The Government do not propose to extend the scheme of medical inspection to professional institutions.

Dr. (Mrs.) S. MUTHULAKSHMI REDDI :—" With reference to the answer to question (a), may I know from the hon. the Minister as to when they will come to a decision on this matter, and whether there is anything going to be done now ?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I must say I cannot give the information now."

Alleged additional work done by some assistants in the Lady Willingdon Training College.

*1053 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Headmistress and the two school assistants of the Lady Willingdon Training College are required, in addition to their own school work, to act as part-time special subject lecturers in the college ;

(b) if so, for how long they have been doing such additional work and the extra remuneration paid to them for it ; and

(c) whether the additional school assistant's post recommended by the Principal ' both in the interests of those teachers ' referred to above and ' of the work itself ' has been sanctioned, and if not yet, when it is likely to be ?

A.—(a) & (b) The Headmistress and two school assistants are doing lecturing work for $2\frac{2}{3}$ hours a week each in the L.T. section of the College in Natural Science, Mathematics and Physics, respectively. The arrangement so far as it relates to Mathematics has been in existence since July 1924 and that relating to the other two subjects since July 1926. As a set off against the additional work done by the Headmistress and the two school assistants in the College they have been given relief in their school work. No extra remuneration has therefore been paid to them.

(c) The proposal is under the consideration of the Government.